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Single Mothers and their struggles

People think being a single mother is easy, because all the government assistance they receive. In all reality it’s mostly the single mothers who face more struggles. They have to deal with depression, homeless ness, and they also have to deal with barriers that are put up between them and their child. Kevin J. Swick and Reginald Williams wrote an article over “The Voices of Single Parent Mothers Who our Homeless: Implications for Early Childhood professionals. In this article they speak on the topic about single homeless mothers. These single mothers talk about the barriers they have to overcome when not only being single, but homeless as well.

You never know how it feels to be homeless until you experience yourself. You have some homeless mothers who have firsthand on it all. In Kevin article it discusses about how a single mother “could become homeless because of different reason. It could either be because of economically, history, socially, emotionally, or educationally”. It gives us an inside voices of actually women that been through homelessness. Single mothers who have loss connection with their kids because of their situation, barriers are put up between the child and a mother because of different reason it’s not only because there homeless. Most single mother lacks education, even though the government offers programs it is still hard to raise a child and continue to do class. Other reasons that there could be single mothers because of their demographics this meaning that they were never married and lack literacy skills. They also couldn’t find any type of employment. Family structure could also lead to a mother being homeless. After moving from one friend house to another or close family members they become homeless; also putting up barriers between the mother and the child. Swick and Williams never states the woman name but they made sure her voice was heard, and how it’s not hard enough being single but to be homeless can be a burden on someone. You can only put yourself in a single mothers shoe to only really know the pain she has to go through. Raising a child isn’t easy, raising one on your own is even harder. (Swick and Williams, 2010)

While growing I had a best friend who lived across the street from me. Though we were both best friends we had different life styles. I was raised by my grandparents and never had to worry about a thing. While on the other hand she was raised by a single mother. Not only was she raised by a single mother but she had a brother and a sister. We both played sports and every year we had to buy a new pair of shoes, though for me it was easy; but it was hard on her. While reading “The Ballad of a Single Mother” by Lynn Olcott it made me think of her. She didn’t have money every time we had to buy new shoes, but our coach found a way. Just like the story Olcott wrote. In the story she talks about a mom who” son wanted to play soccer but she didn’t have the money, because some men realize how talented he was put forward the money and her son was able to play. My coach did that for her every year, not only did he do that for her but for anybody who couldn’t come up with the money. If we didn’t have people like this in the world how much harder would it be? Maybe I wouldn’t have had a chance to really get to know her cause ball it was brought us close. For a single mother to have to say no to a kid because they don’t have the funds could be one of the hardest things ever. Olcott tells about how the single mother had to miss a lot of moments like the first day walking or even helping her son get toilet trained. Though her child care sitter wrote notes about everything that her child did it wasn’t anything compared to actually being there. (Lynn, 2006)